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2. Maneuvers in the Zerbst Area

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1. Rosslau-Meinsdorf (El7), 4-6 June 1949

3. An armored unit with vehicles [redacted] is billeted on the Rosslau-Meinsdorf road. Sixteen T-34 and four JS type tanks were seen parked in front of sheds. 25X1C

b. The Engineers' School was evacuated by a penal unit six weeks ago. The compound has been fenced in and the new tenants, totaling 4,000-5,000 men, are engineer, artillery, armored, and communications troops. Approximately 40 percent of the men appear to be recruits; their basic training has been completed and they are ready to commence advanced courses. The engineers comprise a bridge unit; wooden bridge parts were unloaded at the railroad siding recently.

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2. Zerbst (D98), 1-4 June 1949

8. An armored regiment and an artillery brigade have joined approximately 500 rifle troops in the Heidtorplatz Kaserne. The latter two units participated in maneuvers on 3 and 4 June in the Zerst-Güterglück-Lindau area (D98-99). Aircraft joined in these exercises.

b. The following movements toward the maneuver area were observed:

Thirty-four T-34 and eight 76.2 mm guns, the latter towed by trucks

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Troops (18-20 per truck)

Approximately 2,000 armored troops from the Goethe-Mozartstrasse Kaserne in vehicles [redacted]

3. A Drivers' School operates out of the Heidtorplatz kaserne. It has been in existence since 1 April for troops from Wittenberg, Rosslau, and Köthen.

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d. There is a large fuel dump at the Goethe-Mozartstrasse Kaserne.

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Comment: In this unit recruits appear to number 75 percent of total strength. When it arrived, seventeen JS type tanks were unloaded. They have not been seen since. In general, Soviet armored units appear to be keeping their heavy tanks in reserve.

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